

# **TOWN OF ARLINGTON**

**Recreation Department**  
Joseph Connelly, Director of Recreation



## **Recreation Department**

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Sarah Carrier- Associate

## **MEETING NOTICE**

The Park and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024  
7:00 PM – Arlington Community Center  
Board of Health Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## **AGENDA**

- 1) Parallel Park Design Final Review – Copley Wolff
- 2) Hills Hill Mountain Biking Area Design Review – Weston & Sampson
- 3) Bench Donation Request – Spy Pond Park – Inna Bezborodnikova
- 4) Comments and Items for Future Meetings:
  - a) Capital Plan Review
  - b) Menotomy Park Design Review
  - c) Mini-Pitch Working Group Update
- 5) Approval of Minutes – 4/9/2024
- 6) Correspondence Received: Hills Hill (Various), Preschool (MAAEYC)
- 7) New Business
  - a) Artificial Turf Committee Update – Joe Connelly and Leslie Mayer
  - b) Open Space Committee Update – Shirley Canniff
- 8) Public Comment



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**GIFTS FOR PARKS FORM**

Contact Name: Inna Bezborodnikova Date of Request: 4/16/2024  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Private or Non-Profit Group(501 c3): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 13 Dorothy Road, Arlington, MA, 02474  
Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 1-781-526-0586  
Email: innabez@yahoo.com

**Intended Gift (please select one):**

Park Bench

Picnic Table

Bike Rack

Planting/Tree

**Donation Costs:** (Actual equipment + installation fee + estimate of maintenance over 8 years)

Park Bench \$ 3000.00 (installation & maintenance for 8 years)

Picnic Table \$ 4000.00 (installation & maintenance for 8 years)

Bike Rack \$ 3000.00 (installation & maintenance for 8 years)

Park Requested: Minuteman Bikepath, Spypoud Park, Thorndike Park, Magnolia Park

**Recognition Plaque Text** (see attached policy details for specifics):

Donated by Wytek Szymanski and Inna Bezborodnikova who loved this path

Signature

4/16/2024  
Date

## **ARLINGTON PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES**

*April 09, 2024*

The Town of Arlington Park and Recreation Commission came to order in the large meeting room at the Community Center on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00pm.

**Commission Members:** Scott Walker, Phil Lasker, Jen Rothenberg, Leslie Mayer, Josh Fenollosa and Sarah Carrier. Recreation Director Joe Connelly was also present.

**Members of the Public:** Liz Reisberg

**Preliminary Matter:** Scott Walker, Park & Recreation Commission Chair, took formal attendance and welcomed members of the public to the Recreation Commission meeting.

### **Private Preschool/Organization Permitting Discussion**

Mr. Connelly reviewed the survey data and the working group recommendations with the Commission.

1. The Director of Recreation works with the individual programs whose scheduling times overlap to come up with an agreed upon schedule.
2. The official permitting process for playground usage begins on September 1, 2024.
3. There will be no fees for playground permits at this time.
4. This permitting process will be reviewed by the Park Commission after the first year of implementation.
5. Organizations wishing to make a donation for playground upkeep and repairs may do so and those funds are to be deposited into the Park Beautification Fund and will be reserved for playground repairs.

The Commission discussed the recommendations. Ms. Carrier asked about the consistency in policy with other private business requests for field usage. Mr. Connelly stated that importance of the permitting process and developing communication channels with the user groups.

Mr. Lasker motioned to approve the recommendations as presented, seconded by Ms. Mayer, approved 4-0.

### **Arlington/Belmont Crew Agreement**

Mr. Connelly reviewed the revised agreement with the Commission.

### **Special Event Requests**

#### **Friends of Robbins Farm Park – 5/11, 7/4, 7/25, 8/3, 8/24, 9/7, 11/2**

The Commission reviewed the requests from the FORFP. Ms. Rothenberg suggested letting the BOH know when we approve a permit that involves food. Ms. Rothenberg motioned to approve the FORFP requests, seconded by Ms. Mayer and approved 4-0.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual String Festival –Jing-Huey – Robbins Farm – 6/15/2024**

The Commission reviewed the request had had several questions including why the date change, the number of attendees, and clarification on food for the event. Mr. Connelly will reach out to the applicant for clarification.

The Commission also discussed the need for a police detail for the event due to the estimated attendance being 800.

**Correspondence Received**

The Commission reviewed the correspondence received.

**New Business**

- Artificial Turf Committee Update – Mr. Connelly and Ms. Mayer reviewed the final report of the committee with the Commission.
- Open Space Committee – No Report

**Public Comment** – N/A

Ms. Rothenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:05pm, seconded by Mr. Lasker. Approved 4-0.

The Arlington Park & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes were respectfully submitted by Mr. Joseph Connelly.

## Hill's Hill Habitat Protections

Lina Haddad <haddad.c.lina@gmail.com>

Thu 4/4/2024 4:29 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Cc: Christine Bongiorno <CBongiorno@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Dear Mr. Connolly / Parks and Rec Commission:

I am writing to urge protection of the woods and meadow areas making up the remainder of the natural wooded environment at Hill's Hill.

<YOUR COMMENTS: This is what Hill's Hill means to me, to open space in Arlington, and/ or to efforts to enhance biodiverse plants and wildlife in Arlington>

<YOUR reaction upon hearing of plans to develop as a Mtn. Biking Park>

I agreed with the compromise that located the pump track where it won't harm the woods and meadow at Hill's Hill. The current preferred plan places the pump track within the woods. <A STATEMENT ABOUT HOW THIS MIGHT AFFECT THE HILL'S HILL HABITAT and/or neighbors>

In exchange for this added feature, please endorse a strong compromise with solid, written protection of the remaining wooded/meadow environments at Hill's Hill:

- a commitment to long term habitat protections (i.e., no new biking features)
- <ADD YOUR OWN IDEAS - OR - SELECT what you like of ideas below; use your own words!>
- a dedicated central walking path through meadow/woods
- prevention of rogue trail building by users
- creation of a no-ride zone for neighbors' peace and quiet and further habitat protections
- parking solutions for Washington St., Summer Hill Circle, etc.
- A defined and funded maintenance plan to ensure track and trail safety
- Removal of the most recent rogue trails and/or any trails causing erosion (e.g., new trail from bike path)

Such protections will ensure renewal of the woods so that ALL Arlington residents and wildlife will enjoy Hill's Hill for years to come: <ADD YOUR list of people, animal, insect, plant stakeholders>, as well as generations of bikers.

Thank you,

--

Lina Haddad



March 29, 2024

Dear Mr. Connelly and Park and Recreation Commissioners,

Thank you for organizing the Public Input Meeting this week. The presentation was very helpful as was the public discussion.

Save Hill's Hill supports a balanced compromise for this project. This framework would allow construction of a pump track in the "low-value" tree area along Summer Street, along with two access trails, as shown in the meeting presentation, in return for preservation in the rest of the property.

It's important that details of the preservation measures for **habitat, safe access and quality of life** are clearly incorporated in planning documents - and there must be a commitment to permanence for these protections. To us this means three critical points:

- **Preservation** of the habitat: the "as is" area has no new trails or enhancements; recent rogue trails are blocked off; native trees get particular care in the pump track area.
- **Preservation** of safe access: a walker-only trail is made at the current center/meadow trail, with fencing along the pump track border and appropriate signage.
- **Preservation** of quality of life for neighbors: noise, parking, and hours restrictions are implemented per neighbor requests.

We look forward to seeing this balance of construction and preservation in the coming proposals to PRC and CPAC.

Thank you for your collaboration to deliver a "middle path," which makes this project work for all parties.

Save Hills Hill Members and Supporters



Alan Jones  
Anju Joglekar  
Ann LeRoy  
Arthur Budnik  
Asia Kepka  
Beth Melofchik  
Brian McBride  
Brittany Gravely  
Carl Wagner  
Cheryl Marceau  
Diana Zlatanovski  
Diane Krause  
Diane McKenzie  
Elaine Crowder  
Elisabeth Carr-Jones  
Ellen S Cohen  
Erik Pohl  
Evelyn Ginsparg  
Gareth Lerwill  
Gretchen Landwehr  
Howard Sard  
Janet O'Riordan  
Janice Brodman  
Jennifer Hruska  
Jessica Schlenker  
Joanne Cullinane  
Laura Bagnall  
Laura Kiesel  
Lina Haddad  
Lolly Bennett (Alice)

Lucy Conroy  
Lygia Grigoris  
Maida Kaderian  
Marina Popova  
Mary Ellen Aronow  
Mary Fusoni  
MaryAnna Foskett  
Naomi Bailis  
Pablo Hruska-cleary  
Peter Southwick  
Rajen Ramchandani  
Rebecca Peterson  
Robin L Bergman  
Russell Keim  
Salvatore Savo  
Sam Polk  
Sarah Jackson  
Sarah Trilling  
Shawn Deshane  
Shovon Ashraf  
Steven Marrone  
sue sheffler  
Susan Stamps  
Topher Heigham  
Wynelle Evans

## Feedback on Hills Hill design

Christine Bulawa <christine.bulawa@gmail.com>

Thu 3/28/2024 5:39 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Dear Mr. Connelly:

Thanks to you for the online session to review the mountain biking trial design and to the design team for the work that they have done to incorporate the needs of divergent users. The formal presentation was informative, but only presented the preferred concept. In response to questions, the two alternative concepts, which place the jump track outside of the woods, were described, but without the aid of drawings and/or slides. A head to head comparison of the three concepts including the details supporting the choice of the preferred concept would have been of interest to many attendees and is needed to assess whether the pump track could be located outside of the woods. March 26 was a missed opportunity to address a critical question.

I support education and recreation for Arlington's residents--kids, adults, retirees. I support creating in Arlington some type of track/facility for building mountain biking skills. I also support the protection of Arlington's open space, especially the town's few remaining wooded parcels. Building a jump track requires a flat site; it does not require a wooded site. Because the construction and the use of the jump track and biking trails will damage the habitat and negatively impact the recreational activity of many Arlington residents, I do not support the design presented on March 26. I get that it's fun to ride a bike in the woods; unfortunately, Arlington no longer has enough wooded property to support all desired activities, and those that most damage the environment should not be a priority.

Sincerely,

Christine Bulawa  
Grandview Road

Checklist Item	Answer
Is the pump track in the right place?	The alternate concepts need to be fully presented. The location in the preferred design meets some of the requirements of various stakeholders: bikers (flat, wooded), hikers (meadow intact), abutters (near Summer St).
Are the trails in the right place?	The trails and jump track are consolidated.
How much natural habitat is protected?	The footprint of the biking park is small. Nonetheless, constructing it will be damaging to the woods and there are no provisions to protect the surrounding habitat.

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Is the nature zone significant, contiguous, and quiet?	The nature zone is significant and contiguous; location near the street mitigates impact of noise. However, the noise and activity will undoubtedly have an impact on the wildlife and on the experience of walkers, birders, etc.
Was the tree survey used to locate key features?	Yes, and the intent is to engage an arborist during construction to remove invasives when possible. Inclusion of the Arlington Tree Warden seems not to be in the current plan but should be.
Is unauthorized trail building prevented?	No, not as part of the project. Several unauthorized activities, trail building, night riding, and off-leash dog walking, were raised in the Q&A. Now seems like a good time to address these important issues.
Are walkers safe?	Not addressed as part of the project. Designation of some trails as walking only would seem a straightforward action as the default multiuse trail policy is clearly inadequate for this situation.
Is parking addressed?	The plan suggests that the location near Summer St and the bike path addresses this.
Are neighbors protected from noise?	The location near Summer St addresses this in part; however, abutters expressed concern in the Q&A.
Is night riding prevented?	Hours are not indicated in the plan but presumably could be added. Night riding does occur currently on unauthorized trails.
Is the park built for maintenance?	I'm not sure what is meant by "built for maintenance". Maintenance is not covered in the project. I believe it will be the responsibility of Parks and Recreation and be supported by volunteers.
Does the design meet the Three CPA conditions*	See above

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**Please preserve Hill's Hill as much as possible!**

Rebecca Peterson <rebeccaopeterson@gmail.com>

Thu 4/4/2024 12:25 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>; Christine Bongiorno <CBongiorno@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Please commit to preserving the habitat of Hill's Hill as much as possible. This means blocking off rogue trails, not adding trails or enhancements to the "as is" area, preserving walkers-only access via a walking trail, and implementing and enforcing restrictions on noise, parking, and hours per neighbor requests.

Thank you,  
Rebecca Peterson  
31 Florence Ave.

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## Hill's Hill Preservation

lah-rah veevy <veewoolfie@yahoo.com>

Wed 4/3/2024 12:23 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Cc: Christine Bongiorno <CBongiorno@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Dear Mr. Connolly / Parks and Rec Commission:

I am writing to urge you to ensure preservation of the current Hill's Hill woods and meadow in the remainder of the lot.

Please endorse a compromise that has solid, written protections for preservation of: a walker-only path through the center/meadow; the prevention of rogue trails; and adequately addressing any neighbor concerns about noise and parking.

Thank you, an Arlington homeowner and resident

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**in support of Save Hill's Hill balanced approach**

Sarah Trilling <sarah.trilling@gmail.com>

Tue 4/2/2024 11:45 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Cc: Christine Bongiorno <CBongiorno@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Hello,

My name is Sarah Trilling. I live at 122 Newport St, Arlington.

I am writing in support of a balanced approach at Hill's Hill. Save Hill's Hill supports a balanced compromise for this project. This framework would allow construction of a pump track in the 'low-value' tree area along Summer Street, with two access trails, as shown in the meeting presentation, in return for preservation in the rest of the property.

Sarah

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## Hill's Hill Compromise Plan

Sam Polk <Sam.polk@outlook.com>

Tue 4/2/2024 6:04 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Cc: Christine Bongiorno <CBongiorno@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Dear Mr. Connelly and members of the Community Preservation Act Commission,

I am writing to express support for the compromise plan on the Hill's Hill pump track outlined by the "Save Hill's Hill" group. We believe that a compromise balancing recreational development and environmental preservation is crucial for the sustainable enjoyment of Hill's Hill Woods, and for aligning Arlington's developmental practices with its environmental commitments.

The compromise proposes a modest-sized pump track in a lower-value wooded area containing invasive trees that is far from residents (mitigating parking/noise issues). This plan will enable Arlington residents will be able to enjoy a pump track in the woods (as desired). It will also minimize the environmental impact of a pump track and preserve Hill's Hill's natural beauty for wildlife, walkers, and neighboring residents.

As a part of this compromise, we ask for robust, written protections that Arlington will maintain the integrity of the surrounding woods and meadows in Hill's Hill. These include the introduction of a walker-only path (closed to bikers) and closing rogue trails to ensure environmental preservation.

I urge the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Preservation Act Commissioners to endorse the plan outlined by the "Save Hill's Hill" group. Your support for a balanced project that aligns with both community recreation and environmental stewardship will set a precedent for future initiatives in Arlington.

Thank you for your collaboration and your efforts towards the preservation of Hill's Hill.

Sincerely,  
Sam Polk  
Arlington Resident

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## Hill's Hill - Protect Nature

Vanessa Steck <vsvs13@icloud.com>

Sun 4/7/2024 10:53 AM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Dear Park and Rec Commissioners

The Hill's Hill project needs to balance recreation and preservation. I'm writing to ask the PRC strictly adhere to the funding conditions for the Hill's Hill project. This means protecting the natural environment while enabling biking.

Specifically, please locate any constructed areas like Skills or a Pump Track outside the core woods. In addition, bike trails should be constructed with habitat protection as a priority. Walkers and neighbors need full consideration

Arlington has limited wooded spaces. We need to protect nature at Hill's Hill.

Thank you.

-vanessa

"I was a reader, and being a reader was what had made me most myself; it had given me the gifts of curiosity and sympathy, an awareness of the world as an odd and vibrant and contradictory place, and it had made me unafraid of its oddness and vibrancy and contradiction."

—sittenfeld, american wife

## Hill's Hill - Protect Nature

Sasha Simone <sashasimone@gmail.com>

Sat 4/6/2024 3:35 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

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## Hill's Hill

PETER A SOUTHWICK <p.southwick@comcast.net>

Wed 4/10/2024 10:28 AM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Dear Mr. Connelly and Park and Recreation Commissioners,

Thank you for the Public Meeting held March 26 to solicit input regarding the preliminary design of Mountain Biking Trails and Mountain Biking Park Features at Hill's Hill. My wife and I are neighbors to this site living on King Street, a small street between Washington and Overlook Streets. We have lived here for more than 40 years and support a balanced compromise for this project. We feel strongly about passive recreation including walking.

We support preservation measures and request the design include preservation of habitat, safe access and quality of life, especially for neighbors. This should include the placement of a pump track along Summer Street in the "low value" tree area, care for native trees, no new trails, blocking off of rogue trails, a walker-only trail at the center/meadow trail with fencing and signage, and attention to noise, parking and hours restrictions. **A dedicated walking trail for those walking in the woods would provide the best safety from bikers.** In addition, a maintenance plan will guarantee the long-term success of this overall plan for all Arlington residents.

I am also concerned about removal of invasives. Bruce Wenning from The Country Club in Brookline, formerly Property Manager/Horticulturist for Habitat/MA Audubon in Belmont, has experience working to eradicate invasives, continues to teach for Arlington Community Education and has worked with Arlington residents at Hill's Hill. The Park and Recreation Commission and town would benefit from using Bruce as a consultant for an invasives maintenance plan. He understands that removing invasives once will not permanently remove them. This will require ongoing efforts to be successful.

A balanced design plan is the best solution for those who enjoy passive recreation as well as active recreation, and we look forward to a proposal that reflects those needs. Thank you for your time and consideration giving residents and abutters a plan that truly reflects a collaborative effort.

Sincerely,

Peter Southwick  
18 King Street  
Arlington

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## Design of Mountain Biking Trails and Mountain Biking Park Features at Hill's Hill

Jean Rosenberg <jl.rosenberg@comcast.net>

Wed 4/10/2024 7:20 AM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Dear Mr. Connelly and Park and Recreation Commissioners,

I appreciate the recent Public Meeting held March 26 to solicit public input regarding the preliminary design of Mountain Biking Trails and Mountain Biking Park Features at Hill's Hill. My husband and I are neighbors to this site as we live on King Street, a small street between Washington and Overlook Streets. We have lived here for over 40 years and support a balanced compromise for this project because we feel strongly about passive recreation as much as we enjoy biking.

We support preservation measures and would like this design to include preservation of habitat, preservation of safe access and preservation of quality of life, especially for neighbors. This includes the placement of a pump track along Summer Street in the "low value" tree area, care for native trees, no new trails, blocking off of rogue trails, a walker-only trail at the center/meadow trail with fencing and signage, and attention to noise, parking and hours restrictions. A dedicated walking trail for those walking in the woods would provide the best safety from bikers. In addition, a maintenance plan will guarantee the long-term success of this overall plan for all Arlington residents.

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Sincerely,

Jean Rosenberg  
18 King Street  
Arlington

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## Looking forward to the Hill's Hill Meeting on Tuesday

Elaine Crowder <ecrowder@communication-exchange.com>

Fri 3/22/2024 12:17 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Cc: Clarissa Rowe <clarissa.rowe@comcast.net>; Jim Feeney <jfeeney@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Dear Mr. Connelly and Park & Rec Commissioners,

I'm looking forward to next Tuesday for the update on Hill's Hill biking. I'm sure there have been many iterations since the last time you met with the public.

In the absence of intervening information, I look to the agreement with the Capital Preservation Act Committee (CPAC), as presented at Town Meeting, as the guideline anchoring this project.

As you know, in order to **"provide additional assurance that the wooded, natural environment of Hill's Hill will be preserved,"** CPAC voted to provide funds and Town Meeting approved funding "... only if the following requirements are met:

*"1) A member of the Open Space Committee be incorporated into the project's Working Group*

*2) A tree inventory be completed during the design process*

*3) The chosen designer be directed to advance **at least two concept alternatives for the location of the pump track**. If the preferred concept places the pump track in the woods, then the applicant will need to seek final authorization from the Community Preservation Act Committee prior to proceeding with construction; otherwise, no final authorization to proceed is necessary."*

Thank you for including a member of the open space committee in the formative conversations that the contracting designers will use to design trails. Including multiple viewpoints at such a fundamental stage is a bit like universal design. It enables project design to incorporate multiple interests into projects that repurpose naturalized spaces already providing ecosystem services in Arlington. The final project design will, as a result, be one that reflects and is responsive to the diversity of interests for how Arlington open space is used. Like universally designing a playground, more needs will have been met, resulting in greater public acceptance. This is the strength of including stakeholders with an interest in Arlington's biodiversity early on in the design of recreation projects in naturalized areas of parks.

Thank you also for conducting a tree survey that included the totality of wooded areas at Hill's Hill, including strips lining the soccer fields as well as the central hill. As CPAC chair Clarissa Rowe said during the CPAC hearing for the project, surveys fully inform us about what we have in our parks. '(Paraphrasing) How else will we know what we have?'

I will be interested in the details of how you've used this survey to inform the design of the project, so that **"the wooded, natural environment of Hill's Hill will be preserved,"**

In particular on Tuesday, March 26, I'm looking forward to hearing the relative merits of contrasting designs for all stakeholders, including the many life forms that depend on the Hill's Hill ecosystem.